

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Following entry of the amendment, claims 1-14, 21-37, 40-65, and 75-79 are pending, with claims 15-20, 38, 39, and 66-74 being canceled and claims 75-79 being added herein.

II. The Present Amendment

No new matter is added by the present amendments.

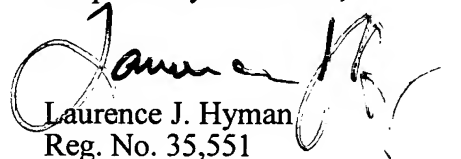
The amendments to the claims correct minor typographical errors and improve the clarity of the claims. The new claims 75-79 recite that the peptides of the invention can be 20 amino acids or fewer. The recitation is supported throughout the specification, including paragraph 0031, commencing on page 12 and continuing to page 13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415 - 576-0200.

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